

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 19, 1997

Mary L. McMillen, Treasurer Hillsdale County Republican Committee 11631 Rainey Road Litchfield, MI 49252

Identification Number: C00042267

Reference: Year End (1/1/95-12/31/95) and July Quarterly (4/1/96-6/30/96) Reports

Dear Ms. McMillen:

This letter is to inform you that as of September 18, 1997, the Commission has not received your response to our requests for additional information dated August 27, 1997. These notices request information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to these requests (copies enclosed).

If no response is received within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Andrew Dodson on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson

John O. Sh-

Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division

Enclosures



WASHINGTON, O.C. 20463

ALIG 2.7 1997

RQ-2

Mary L. McMillen, Treasurer
Hillsdale County Republican Committee
11631 Rainey Road
Litchfield, MI 49252

Identification Number:

C00042267

Reference:

Year End Report (1/1/95-12/31/95)

Dear Ms. McMillen:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Your report discloses limited payments for administrative expenses. Each committee utilizing separate federal and non-federal accounts is required to allocate any administrative expenses between the accounts in proportion to the BALLOT COMPOSITION METHOD derived from FEC Schedule Hi. A Schedule HI must be filed with the first FEC FORM 3X submitted each year. 11 CFR §106.5(d)

Any goods or services provided to your committee by a person, except volunteer activity (i.e., a person's time), would be considered an in-kind contribution from that person, and would be subject to the disclosure requirements of 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) and 11 CFR §104.13, and the limitations and prohibitions of 2 U.S.C. §§441a and 441b.

Clarification regarding administrative expenses should be disclosed <u>during</u> each two year election cycle beginning with the first report filed in the non-election year. Please provide the necessary information regarding administrative expenses incurred by your committee and/or amend your teport to disclose such expenses according to the referenced provisions of the Act and Commission Regulations.

-Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page should only be used to report the federal and non-federal shares of allocable activities. If your committee has

only one account, the total operating expenditures (administrative expenses) should be reported on Line 21(b). Please amend your report to confirm the nature of your expenditures and to provide the total on the appropriate line.

-Please provide the totals for Lines 20 and 31, Columns A and B of the Detailed Summary Page. Note that changes in your figures may affect your Column B totals on this report and/or on subsequent reports.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Dodson

Senior Reports Analyst

Reports Analysis Division